# Village Council Tuesday, September 8, 2009 7:00 PM

#### **Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Mr. Deeds called the meeting to order at 7:49pm

<u>Pledge of Allegiance:</u> Mr. Jarvis led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

John Bender Rick Deeds Bruce Jarvis Bobbie Mershon

Victor Paini Marilyn Rush-Ekelberry Leah Turner

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting need revised and will be brought forth for approval at the next meeting.

Dr. Bender moved to approve the minutes from the August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting; seconded by Mr. Paini.

**VOTE:** AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Mershon, Mrs. Turner

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Paini

**NAYS** 

Motion carried.

#### **Communications & Petitions:**

A letter was received from WOW advising of pricing changes effective September 22, 2009 that affect 46 customers in the Central Ohio region.

A letter was received from WOW informing of changes regarding commercial Digital Cable TV customers and 2009 Music Choice channels.

#### **Village Residents Comments:**

(Five-minute limit per person)

**State Representative Marian Harris** congratulated the Village for a fantastic Labor Day celebration. She also encouraged everyone to keep pressure on the Board Members at SWACO. She believes that will make an impact. She had the sense at the meetings that the Board was interested in the issue and wasn't just pushing it off. She is wishing us luck with SWACO.

Mr. Jarvis thanked her for closing ranks with the Village of Canal Winchester on this issue. Mrs. Turner complimented Mrs. Mershon on the letter that was sent to the newspaper.

**Sue Carter Moore**, President of Salon Schools Group, stated that they are bringing a school to Canal Winchester. They will be at 6077 Gender Rd between Kroger and Home Depot. There will be a barber college, cosmetology school and complete spa services for the general public. They will be open by the holidays and feel very at home in Canal Winchester. This should open up the college to students from Southern Ohio. Mr. Jarvis asked why she chose this area. She stated that she and Ed Jeffers go way back. She is a resident of the Marcy Rd area and feels like she is coming home. She passed out a packet of information.

**Luke Hanks**, of Salon Schools Group, stated that they will have a career day on October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western for prospective students.

**Julie Cecutti,** of 17 W. Mound St., stated that she is opposed to the zoning of 5 properties on W. Mound Street as General Commercial. She feels like they have one of the loveliest residential streets in the area and they would like to keep it that way. She brought a petition in with resident signatures requesting the zoning change. With commercial development comes parking problems, signage and asphalt lots instead of rear yards. Should one of the houses become a law office, for example, the addition of 6 attorneys and the support staff needed for them would create a major parking problem. Two houses are currently empty on W. Mound Street and those are the only signatures she didn't get.

What make Canal Winchester the special place that it is are the historic districts. She implored Council to take another look at the zoning and change it to residential.

Mr. Paini asked what the process would be to begin this initiative to change the zoning. Mr. Strayer stated that each individual property owner would have to file a re-zoning request. It is not done by a block of homes. He is willing to meet with property owners and lay out the process should they want to begin. Mr. Jarvis asked if it is to go through Council that it goes through Old Town as well. Discussion ensued regarding the zoning map.

**Mark Miller**, of 22 W Mound St., just wanted to offer some history to back up Ms. Cecutti. He bought his property in 1987 as a residential home. A zoning revision was looked at years later. He was never notified that the zoning did actually change from residential to commercial. He believes the initial change of zoning is challengeable. He would like to move as quickly as possible and see the government take the initiative to get it done. He also believes that the property owners of vacant properties should be notified of this initiative. Mr. Miller added that the character of the area lies within the use of the structure, as well as the exterior look.

It was determined that the next step would be for the property owners to meet with Mr. Strayer and Mr. Neimayer to start the process of re-zoning their properties.

**Mr. Jeffrey Bond**, of 146 Washington St. Apt C, wanted to speak about the Thoroughfare plan. He stated that it is important that all the connectivity is preserved and improved. His big concern is this plan will contribute to a lot of sprawl and unwanted growth. We should strive to remain a community, not a suburb.

## **ORDINANCES:**

#### **SECOND Reading**

Sponsor: Dr. Bender

O-09-08B AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A WATER

EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Dr. Bender read the ordinance. Second reading only.

Sponsor: Mrs. Mershon

O-09-08C TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED AND RESTATED

AGREEMENT WITH THE CANAL WINCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD WITH REGARD TO RENEWING AND EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE CANAL WINCHESTER

JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT.

Mrs. Mershon read the ordinance. Second reading only.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **THIRD Reading**

Sponsor: Mr. Jarvis

R-09-08A A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

PLAN/MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2010-2014 FOR

THE VILLAGE OF CANAL WINCHESTER OHIO

Mr. Jarvis read the resolution and moved to adopt Resolution 12-09. Mr. Paini seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Mershon, Mrs. Turner

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Paini

**NAYS** 

Motion carried.

### **FIRST Reading**

Sponsor: Mrs. Mershon

R-09-09A A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY

THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES

AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Mrs. Mershon read the resolution and moved to suspend the rules for second and third readings. Dr. Bender seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Mershon, Mrs. Turner

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Paini

**NAYS** 

Motion carried.

Mrs. Mershon moved to adopt Resolution 13-09; seconded by Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry.

**VOTE:** AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Mershon, Mrs. Turner

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Paini

**NAYS** 

Motion carried.

### Mayor's Report:

See written report. Mayor Ebert wanted to thank everyone for their help for the Labor Day festivities.

### **Fairfield County Sheriff:**

Sgt. Kern stated that Labor Day went smoothly. Community watch officers were a big help. Sheriff Phalen sent out a letter regarding that the County budget being slashed by \$5million. That would affect the Sheriff's office by \$1.7 million. It would not affect the contract with the Village of Canal Winchester but it would affect the personnel within the Village. The faces would change. Sgt. Kern stated that emailing the Commissioners on their behalf would help. He read the monthly report.

### **Village Solicitor:**

Mr. Hollins stated he would leave it up to Council whether they would like to have an Executive Session because of the late time. It could be used to discuss pending litigation.

### **Public Works Director:**

This was the first Labor Day festival without Ed Snyder. The skate park is out for bid for 30 days using internet auction. Waterloo Street will be done by the end of September.

A rain garden will be installed by the Community Center as a demonstration project.

### **Development Director:**

AK Athletics expansion is underway. The supplementary document for Preservations Guidelines will be coming some time soon in front of Council.

## **Community Affairs Director:**

The Community newsletter went out last week. We are taking suggestions for winter events.

#### **Finance Director:**

See written report.

# **Council Reports:**

Old Town Committee Monday, September 14, 2009 at 5:45 PM
Finance Committee Monday, October 5, 2009 at 5:45 PM
Service Committee Monday, September 21, 2009 at 5:45 PM
Safety Committee Monday, September 21, 2009 at 5:00 PM
Parks Advisory Committee Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 6:30 PM

#### **New Business:**

None at this time.

### Adjourn to Executive Session:

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to adjourn to executive session for pending litigation and a discussion of the appeal of the variance. Mrs. Mershon seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Mershon, Mrs. Turner

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Paini

**NAYS** 

Motion carried. Time out -8:53pm Time in – 9:20pm

## **Adjournment:**

Dr. Bender moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Paini seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Mershon, Mrs. Turner

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Paini

**NAYS** Motion carried. Time out – 9:21pm

Clerk of Council	President of Council
 Date	Mayor

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